WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle comprising:
 - a plurality of appliance units;
 - a frame for holding at least one of the plurality of appliance units;
 - at least one connector for connecting the appliance units to utilities as needed;

wherein at least one of the plurality of appliance units is operatively and removably attached within the frame; and

the attached appliance unit can be operatively and removably replaced with another of the plurality of appliance units.

- 2. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the frame is divided into areas, such that a plurality of appliance units can be removably held, in each area, in the divided frame.
- 3. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the frame can be connected and/or interconnected to another frame adjacent thereto.
- 4. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 3, including a utility chassis for connecting appliances to utilities within the frame, the utility chassis being positioned such that appliances placed in the adjacent frame can be connected to utilities either within the frame, or within the adjacent frame.
- 5. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the frame can hold two of the plurality of appliance units, one in a generally horizontal configuration and another in a generally vertical configuration.
- 6. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the frame can hold two or more of the plurality of appliance units, at least one appliance unit in a generally horizontal configuration and at least one appliance unit in a generally vertical configuration.

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7. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the plurality of appliance units includes generally oven-shaped appliance units and generally stove-top shaped appliance units.

- 8. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 5, wherein a stovetop shaped appliance unit is placed in a generally horizontal configuration on the frame and an oven-shaped appliance unit is placed in vertical configuration on the frame.
- 9. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 6, wherein the generally oven-shaped appliance units are selected from the group consisting of: gas ovens, electrical ovens, convection ovens, microwave ovens, refrigeration units, dish washing units and warming drawer units.
- 10. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 8, wherein the generally stove top-shaped appliance units are selected from the group consisting of: burner units, griddle units, refrigeration, ventilation units, and warming units.
- 11. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the appliance units comprise commercial grade appliance units.
- 12. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 1, wherein the appliance units comprise domestic grade appliance units.
- A modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle, comprising:

a frame having at least one first bay for insertion of at least one substantially vertically oriented appliance unit and at least one second bay for placement of at least one substantially horizontally oriented appliance unit;

at least one connector for operably connecting units to utilities as needed; wherein one or more of a plurality of interchangeable appliance units can be WO 2004/062444 PCT/US2004/000639

removably placed and secured into either the first or second bay; and the appliance units can be interchanged with another similarly oriented appliance unit.

- 14. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 13, wherein the frame can hold two of the plurality of appliance units, one in a generally horizontal configuration and another in a generally vertical configuration.
- 15. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 13, wherein the plurality of appliance units includes generally oven-shaped appliance units and generally stove-top shaped appliance units.
- 16. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 14, wherein a stove-top shaped appliance unit is placed in a generally horizontal configuration on the frame and an oven-shaped appliance unit is placed in a generally vertical configuration on the frame.
- 17. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 15, wherein the generally oven-shaped appliance units are selected from the group consisting of: gas ovens, electrical ovens, convection ovens, microwave ovens, small refrigeration units, dish washing units, and warming drawer units.
- 18. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 15, wherein the generally stove top-shaped appliance units are selected from the group consisting of: burner units, griddle units, ventilation units, and warming units.
- 19. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 13, wherein the appliance units comprise commercial grade appliance units.
- 20. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 13, wherein the appliance units comprise domestic grade appliance units.

- 21. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 13, wherein the frame is substantially vertically oriented.
- 22. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 21, wherein two appliance units are removably attached to the frame.
- 23. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 21, wherein three appliance units are removably attached to the frame.
- 24. The modular reconfigurable appliance receptacle of claim 13, including decorative covers and wherein the frame and appliance units include means to removably attach the decorative covers thereto.